

October 16: Men who derived dominance from God

Bible passage: Luke 15: 11-24

Memory Verse: I will go home to my father and say, “father , I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”. Luke 15: 18-19 (NLT)

We have been reading the stories of men who derived power from God to control, turnaround their negative situations and break free.

Today we read the popular story of the lost Son whom I am sure did not see himself as lost until the sufferings of life plagued him. As you read, what comes to mind? Your passions and driving force lie in the pleasures of drinking, smoking , womanizing, keeping up with the jones, the rat race to accumulate wealth (for another to enjoy as is the case in many instances) etc What really are the key drivers of your life? What gets your attention on a daily basis? Are you driven by the opinions of others or the opinion of God? Do you know as pleasurable (albeit for a season) as these may be, you are NOT in control as long as these remain irresistible? Have you willingly given up the control of your life to someone else or to a transient passion or worse still the opinions of unstable Man?

You do not need to be plagued by the unavoidable suffering which follows such uncontrolled life before you seek to gain control! Every car driver going at an uncontrolled high speed will eventually crash, it is only a matter of time.

As a contrast to the other stories we have read this week, here the man is the architect of his own eventual downfall. He was foolish for he squandered his inheritance in wild living. He came to his senses when the suffering and scorn hit him. The Good thing is that he fell down but he got UP! The beauty comes from rising up each time you fall. Your case is not irreversible despite how low life has brought you. It's time to come back to your senses and come back home.

Just like in today's story, God is waiting for you to celebrate you. God wants to put back control over your life into your hands.

Prayer: Lord, I have sinned against you by allowing flimsy things take my attention and fall short of the glory you have lay aside for me. To day, I come back home to you and ask to you to forgive and restore me. You are a merciful and kind father and

by the sacrifice of Jesus, I know you will accept me back as son. Please restore back to me the glory of son-ship in Jesus name.